Montana

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Montana has announced that it intends to first administer the NextGen UBE in February 2028. Visit https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen (/exams/nextgen) to learn more about the new exam.

Montana requires the following NCBE exams: MBE, MEE, MPT, and MPRE. Visit Official NCBE Study Aids (https://www.ncbex.org/study-aids) to purchase study aids to help prepare for Montana exams.

Bar Admission Agency

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Character & Fitness Investigations

NCBE conducts investigations for some application types.

MPRE Requirements

MPRE Required **Yes**
MPRE Minimum Passing Score **80**
MPRE Score Time Parameters

Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—MPRE Requirements, MBE Score Transfers, Courtesy Seating, and Attorneys' Exams

Minimum passing MPRE score **80**
Are there any time parameters within which an MPRE score must be earned or achieved? **Yes**
Are MBE scores accepted for transfer from other jurisdictions? **No**
Is courtesy seating allowed? **Yes**
Is an Attorneys' Exam offered? **No**
To qualify for the Attorneys' Exam, must an applicant be a graduate of an ABA-approved law school? —
Attorneys' Exam fee —

Bar Exam Eligibility, Deadlines, and Fees

ABA-Approved Law School J.D. Required **Yes**
Foreign Law Graduate Eligibility **No**
Bar Exam Application Filing Deadlines

Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Bar Examination Application Deadlines and Fees

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Bar exam fee for attorneys **$875**
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Fee for laptops, if permitted **$125**

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Score Portability

Accepts Legacy UBE Score **Yes**

Minimum Legacy UBE Score **266**

Accepts NextGen UBE Score **Yes**

Minimum NextGen UBE Score **616**

Date First Acceptance NextGen UBE Score **July 2026**

Maximum Score Age **3 years**

Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Admission by Examination or by Transferred UBE Score

Date of first UBE administration **July 2013**

Is completing a jurisdiction-specific component required before admission? **Yes**

Minimum passing UBE score **266**

Is there a limit on the number of attempts to earn a passing UBE score? **3**

Time limit for accepting a transferred UBE score (i.e., maximum age of the UBE score) **3 years**

Is concurrent application for admission by transferred UBE score allowed? **Yes**

Application fee for admission by transferred UBE score **$155 (plus C&F fee) / $410 (plus C&F fee)**

Notes

Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **Yes**

Accepts Transferred MBE Scores **No**

Bar Exam

NextGen UBE **Yes**

Date First Administration **February 2028**

Minimum Passing Score **616**

NextGen UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **Yes**

NextGen Bar Exam Jurisdictions—Date of First Administration, Acceptance of Transferred Scores, and Jurisdiction-Specific Components

Date of first NextGen UBE administration **February 2028**

Minimum passing NextGen UBE score **616**

Date accepting transferred NextGen UBE scores **July 2026**

Is there a jurisdiction-specific admission prerequisite? **Yes**

Legacy UBE **Yes**

Date Final Administration **July 2027**

Minimum Passing Score **266**

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Notes

Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam **No**

Admission on Motion

Rules Provide for Admission on Motion **Yes**

Number of Years of Practice Required **5 of past 7**

Disclaimer

Since jurisdiction rules and policies change, NCBE strongly advises consulting the jurisdiction's bar admission agency directly for the most current information.